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For: ILLUMINATION APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE
APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23,
2004, please amend the above-identified patent application
as indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.